

NATIONAL

In new labour law

Employee security to be improved without tying the hands of employers

By Jenab Tutunji
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The new draft labour law, which has been in preparation for five years, provides for equal pay to men and women doing



Dr. Jawad Anani.

equal jobs and introduces improvements in working conditions, for women, Minister of Labour Jawad Anani said in an interview with the Jordan Times.

The new women's benefits include 12 weeks of paid maternity leave and a full year off without pay, without the loss of rights and privileges, for mothers who want to take time off from work to nurse and care for their babies.

The existing labour law, issued in 1960, is riddled with amendments and is not without loopholes. But the new law has been drawn up to international standards, and includes many new progressive measures, such as steps to encourage the employment of the handicapped. In fact quotas, to be determined by the Ministry of Labour, are to be introduced for the employment of handicapped people. Dr. Anani said.

There will also be special provisions, including shorter hours, for difficult jobs and night shifts. Overtime is to be increased between 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 times. End-of-service compensation and compensation for work-related injuries are to be improved, particularly for those not covered by social security, and will apply for the first time to agricultural work-

ers engaged in engineering-related or mechanised agricultural work, whether they are employed by the government or the private sector, he added.

Employers will no longer be able to fire people working for them on the spot, unless they commit grave offences. Arbitrary severance will end, and an employer will have to go through a series of steps, including issuing warning notices and imposing gradually more serious penalties for offences committed before he can fire an employee.

If a settlement for a labour dispute is being discussed, an employer cannot fire anyone working for him unless he gets the permission of the arbitrator. There will also be an improvement in arbitration and dispute resolution procedures, better labour and employers unions and easier procedures for the registration of unions.

"We have checked and double checked to make sure that the provisions of the law are in compliance with international norms and agreements, while taking our own socio-economic conditions into account. I think the text is now a good one. It will improve the security of the employees without tying the hands of the emp-

lovers," Dr. Anani added.

The basis for the new draft law was prepared by an expert of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 1975, and the text for the draft was worked out by a committee formed in 1979 including representatives of the Ministry of Labour, labour unions and the engineers' and bar association and employers unions, with the participation of two legal experts.

ECWA meeting urges support for Palestinians

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — A conference on International Migration in the Arab World, organised by the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), recently concluded in Cyprus, has recommended extending assistance to support the steadfastness of people in the occupied Arab territories.

The under-secretary of the Ministry of Labour Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabber, who led Jordan's delegation to the meeting, said the



Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabber

conference further recommended that Arab countries concerned should coordinate work with the Arab Labour Organisation and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to achieve this purpose.

In a statement upon returning to Amman today, he added that the conference discussed 50 research papers dealing with the movement of Arab workers among Arab states and its positive and negative effects on the Arab countries as well as the difficulties facing migratory Arab workers, for example the transfer of cash to their home countries.

The conference also discussed the subject of Arab brain drain and called for creating incentives and providing financial and moral inducements for workers to return to their home countries and contribute to their development. Dr.

AUB president, aide arrive Thursday

AMMAN, May 17 (J.T.) — The president of the American University of Beirut (AUB), Dr. H.E. Hoelscher, and the assistant to the president, Dr. Nazih Zekkan, will arrive in Amman on Thursday at the invitation of Mr. Ali Ghandour, member of the university's Board of Trustees.

The AUB Alumni Club in Amman will give a reception in their honour on Thursday evening. Several Jordanian personalities and AUB graduates have been invited to attend the reception and meet the president of their alma mater.

Hassan urges closer stand against threat to Jerusalem



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, receives a delegation representing the administrative and teaching staffs of Turkish universities at the Royal Court Sunday.

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today called for close cooperation among Arab and other Islamic countries to confront Zionist threats, especially the one facing Jerusalem, and the

continuing Israeli occupation of Arab territory.

Prince Hassan was speaking at a meeting with a visiting delegation representing the administrative and teaching staffs at various Turkish universities.

He discussed with the delegation the dangers that threaten the religious and archaeological sites in Jerusalem as a result of Israel's Judaisation and settlement policies.

The meeting also dealt with ways of boosting cooperation between Jordanian and Turkish institutions, particularly in scientific research, higher education,

history and archaeology. Prince Hassan then gave a letter in honour of the nine-member delegation.

Earlier, the Turkish delegation called at the University of Jordan and met with its president, Abdul Salam Al Majali, and officials. They were briefed on university's development plans.

The delegation also discussed with Dr. Majali prospects for cooperation between the University of Jordan and Turkish universities in the technical and cultural spheres.

Malhas back from WHO general assembly meeting

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — Health Minister Dr. Zuhair Malhas today returned to Amman from Geneva after representing Jordan at the 34th annual meeting of the general assembly of the World Health Organisation (WHO) which began early this month and will continue until the end of May.

Dr. Malhas said that several topics were discussed, including the question of transferring the WHO regional office from Alexandria to Amman. He said agreement was reached on a draft resolution expressing the wish of the majority of the East Mediterranean states to transfer the office from Alexandria. The final decision on this question will be made during the next meeting of the WHO general assembly, he said.

Dr. Malhas said that in the next

two weeks, a draft resolution will be debated condemning the Israeli occupation authorities for their arbitrary measures in the occupied Arab territories. The draft resolution is expected to be passed unanimously, he added.

Dr. Malhas said that Lebanon's request for urgent medical assistance will also be discussed.



Dr. Zuhair Malhas

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 17 (J.T.) — A very old shell dating from the Ottoman Period was found by a citizen near the wall surrounding a primary school in Tafila. Police brought in an explosives expert who defused it. The incident was among 13 others which occurred in Jordan in the past 24 hours, according to the Public Security Directorate. It said that a two-year old girl was admitted to the Baptist Hospital of Ajloun for treatment of food poisoning. She was reported in serious condition. Also there were eight road accidents which resulted in the death of one person and the injury of 12 others, the directorate said.

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — The military court has sentenced a Jordanian citizen, Mohammad Al Shishani, to 15 years in prison for embezzlement and the payment of JD 30,107, being the stolen money. Another citizen, George Mahfouz, has been sentenced by the same court to three years in prison and the payment of a JD 200 fine for offering a bribe to a public official. Meanwhile, two merchants were each fined JD 50 by the court and a third JD 100 for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The military governor today endorsed the sentences.

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — A week-long training course for directors of new municipal councils in six Arab states is due to open here tomorrow. Participants will be lectured on the functions of Amman Municipality, its various sections and their activities, in addition to its plans for developing the city. They will also be touring a number of projects implemented by the municipality. The course, organised in cooperation between Amman Municipality and the Arab Cities Organisation, will be attended by delegates from Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Raja Elissa regret to announce the passing away of

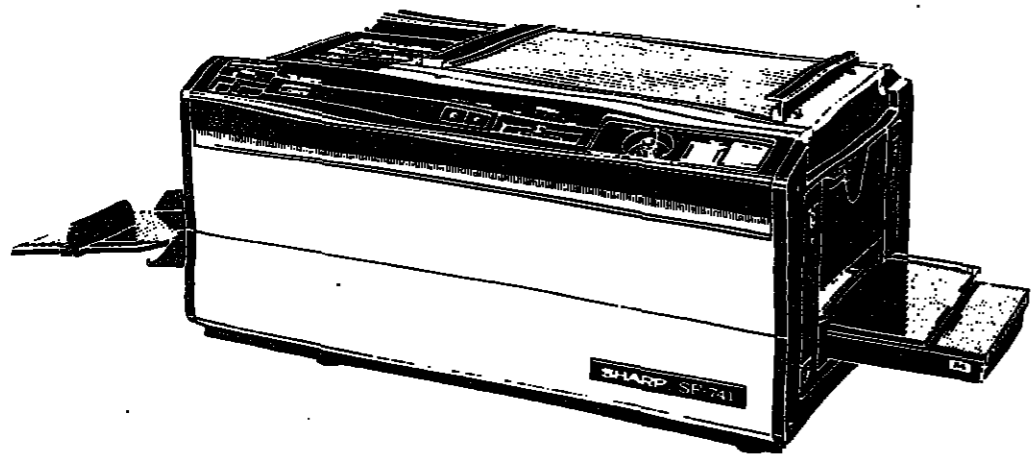
Mrs. Eugenie Ajami Farajalla on Sunday evening, May 17, 1981, in Amman

The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 from the Anglican Saviour Church, Jabal Amman. Condolences will be received at the residence of Mr. Raja Elissa, Fourth Circle, Jabal Amman. Friends and well-wishers are kindly requested not to send flowers, but to donate the cost to charity.

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In Aqaba, the British Council presents "Recent Prints from Britain", an exhibition of original prints by Hockney, Kitago, Fasolas and many others. This exhibition, held previously at the Council in Amman, is on display in the foyer of Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

The University of Jordan, in cooperation with the British Council presents an exhibition of academic books. The same exhibition was at Yarmouk University in Irbid last week.

A painting exhibition by Italian artist Romana Sibilia is on display at the Holiday Inn ballroom.

Videotape Programme

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Jewellers change with the times

DR'S NOTE: This is the seventh in a series of articles about crafts in Jordan.

Text and photos
By Mohammad Ayish
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "Jewelry crafts, whether in gold or silver, have not reached the desired level in Jordan, since craftsmen... are faced with technical and financial problems," says Mustafa Salah, who calls himself a "retail" jeweller and runs a souvenir shop in the Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

Despite these difficulties, the jewelry business is doing well, according to Mr. Salah. He learned the craft in the early 1960s in Jerusalem, when he worked as an apprentice for two years with a professional jeweller in the city, Mr. Salah said. "After that I worked independently, but I did not need advice from professionals; which gave me confidence," he added.

Mr. Salah said that he was involved in the craft first because he liked it and second because he was in a Jerusalem neighborhood where several jewelry shops were already open. At that time, the business was limited to certain types of jewelry since it called for ethical, diligent and a bit of intelligence," he said.

In the past was better than now because all the machines we use for work are now imported from foreign countries, while the manual machines were made here," said Mr. Abdul Nazzal, who works with Mr. Salah both in the jewelry shop and in running the souvenir shop. Nazzal, who has been in the jewelry business since 1965, said he and his partner, as well as other people in the same business in Jordan, suffer from a shortage of the tools necessary for work. "Tools such as nose pliers, scissors and other tools not available in the Jordanian market, and buying them from outside costs quite a lot of money," he said.

Industrial Development Bank has established a special fund to help craftsmen in their products and design business. But "the Industrial Development Bank requires us to submit a statement on how we want to buy from foreign countries before it can give us money for that machine," Mr. Salah said. "If we buy a machine from Italy to make gold or silver, we have to report to the bank before we can be sure if going to receive the machine."

The process takes time and money and may not even lead to a sale, according to Mr. Salah. Another alternative we used in our search for help was the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company, which provides more encouragement and support for our products," he said. The centre turned into a commercial company, its function confined to buying jewelry only when they need it," Nazzal, however, said that his partner sell their crafts in other souvenir shops in the city, and these shops sell them

to foreign tourists or local customers. Another factor affecting the jewelry business is the fluctuation in gold prices. "One gramme of the yellow metal used to cost 36 piasters some years ago, but now its price has jumped to JD 5, and this can have a negative effect on the buying attitude of the customers," Mr. Salah said. Customers will be intimidated to see a JD 45 price tag on a gold ring that used to be worth JD 15 a decade ago, he remarked.

But the two partners said that they have found some leeway in marketing their crafts by using some silver material in their products instead of making them out of pure gold. This is feasible in the case of jewelry the craftsmen make for tourists, who are more curious about the novelty of the East than concerned about the value of the material in a piece. Mr. Salah and Mr. Nazzal deal



Mustafa Salah at his workbench: The jewelry business calls for "ethical sincerity, diligence and a bit of intelligence."

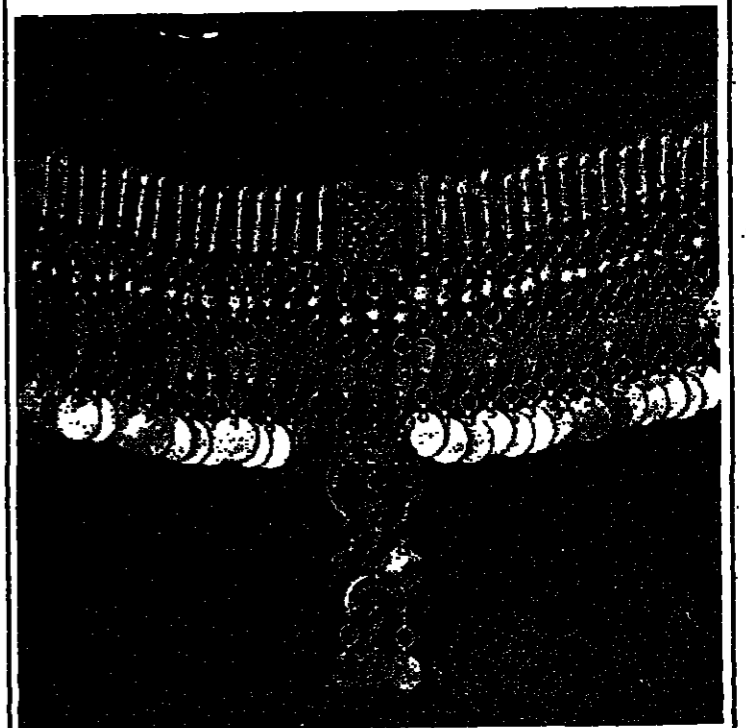
in a variety of gold and silver crafts, and they are hoping to expand the business -- but, say they will continue to restrict it to tourist-oriented crafts rather than the "heavy golden stuff" used by traditional Arab women and brides. "We make silver and gold crosses, silver and mother-of-pearl rings, earrings and bracelets, gold and silver letters, and we reuse some precious old gold pieces and coins," Mr. Salah said. The two artisans do their work

either at home or at the souvenir shops they run. "We buy the raw material from the jewellers, who import it from foreign countries, particularly Switzerland," Mr. Nazzal said. "We then melt it in special ovens and pour the material into various forms -- cylindrical, straight, round or zig-zagging. Then we place the gold or silver pieces in a stretching machine, which gives us wire-like shapes of differing thicknesses." All these machines are electrical, in contrast to the older ones, which were manual. "Electrical machines give accurate, fast and reliable work, but also cause some trouble, when they are not well maintained," Mr. Nazzal said.

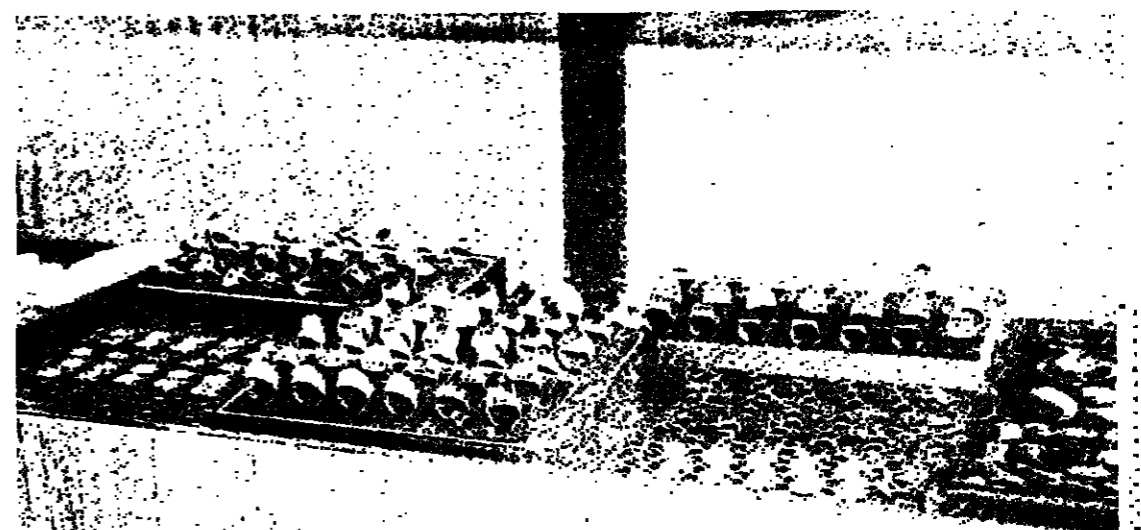
He said that part of the operation is done with the use of a machine owned by jewellers in downtown Amman, but he is thinking of buying his own, and installing it at the souvenir shop for convenience. This project will be implemented early in May, Mr. Salah hopes. But "we cannot afford to do it without the financial help of the Industrial Development Bank or some other party," he said.

"In our business, we consider the taste of the customers, and we are not closed to new models. We always catch up with the changes, whether in design or form, so as to keep the customer willing to buy," Mr. Nazzal said.

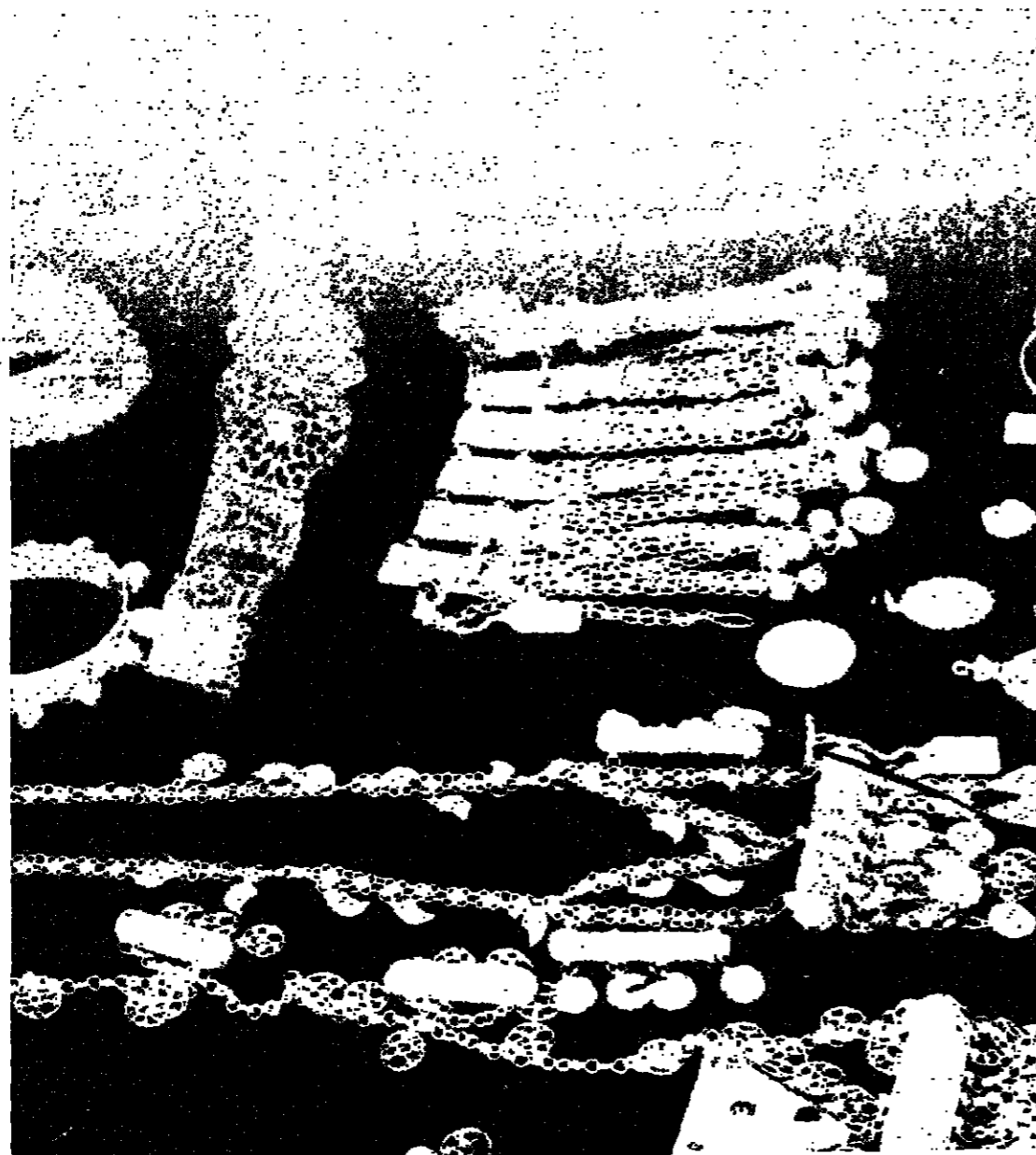
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The jewelry shop run jointly by Mr. Nazzal and Mr. Salah carries a wide variety of handmade jewelry.

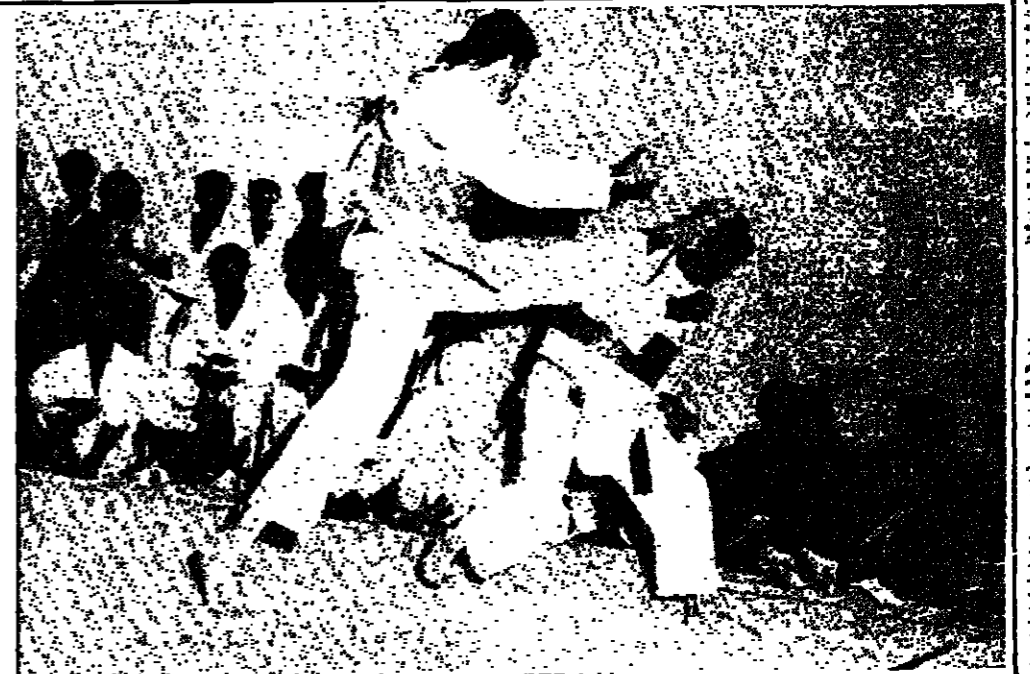


Some of the jewellers' wares follow the traditional, "heavy-chain" style.

Tae Kwan Do tourney starts

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — The Armed Forces tournament on Tae Kwan Do began yesterday at the Tae Kwan Do centre in Jabal Amman under the supervision of the Military Sports Union. The results were as follows:

- 1) Scaleweight: Nayif Salem beat Ali Majid by points.
- 2) Flyweight: Ghazi Ahmad beat Abdul Mun'im Zaber, and Rabhal Mfadi beat Ali Ibrahim Abdul Mahdi by points.
- 3) Bantamweight: Musa Bdewi beat Yahya Ahmad by points, and Abdul Ra'ouf Ali beat Ali Hassan Falah by points. Mohammad Salim beat Hamad Mahmoud by points.
- 4) Lightweight: Mohammad Mansour beat Issa Mohammad by points and Hassan Sa'ad beat Mamni Mubarak by forfeit.



Pasture lands course ends

AMMAN, May 17 (Petra) — A two-week training course on the administration and development of pasture lands in the Arab World ended at the University of Jordan today.

During the course, which was organized by the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD), the participants heard lectures from specialists on pasture resources and the role of pastures in helping to ensure food security, as well as means of producing fodder and its protection, mechanisation in agricultural operations, the development of pasture lands and the preservation of soil in the Arab World.

The participants also made field trips to nurseries and agricultural stations operated by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The course, in which 16 agricultural engineers took part, was called for by the Arab agriculture ministers at their meeting in Damascus towards the end of last year.

At the conclusion of the final session, the under-secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Salem Al Lawzi, made a speech thanking the AOAD and distributed diplomas to the participants.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
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Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	775	2,240	2,240	2,240
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	8,270	1,540	1,530	1,530
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	3,800	2,180	2,170	2,180
Real Estate Financial Corporation	JD 2,000	25	13,000	13,000	13,000
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	200	16,250	16,250	16,250
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	50	134,000	134,000	134,000
Arab Financial Corporation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10,000	175	13,700	12,700	13,700
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	190	22,000	22,000	22,000
Jordan Securities Co.	JD 10,000	36	17,600	17,600	17,600
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	707	13,250	13,000	13,250
General Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,755	1,720	1,710	1,720
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	25	10,700	10,700	10,700
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Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	3,308	1,290	1,290	1,290
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Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1,444	3,880	3,850	3,850
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	6,450	4,860	4,850	4,850
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	3,850	2,330	2,290	2,290
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	800	3,100	3,100	3,100
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	2,000	3,550	3,500	3,550
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1,000	1,120	1,120	1,120
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Woolen Industries Co.	JD 5,000	100	5,100	5,100	5,100
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1,513	8,500	8,480	8,490
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	88	19,350	19,350	19,350

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DE FACTONOMICS

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Developing planning infrastructure

THERE ARE different definitions of, and approaches to, development which one may encounter in the literature. However, it is agreed that development may be considered to mean, in simple words, economic growth accompanied by social change and institutional building.

One more stop?

THE CONTINUING mission of American special envoy Philip Habib to defuse the confrontation brewing in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon between Syria and Israel remains as it started -- handicapped by the conspicuously flawed credentials of the mediating party, the United States.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The new Gulf tour which His Majesty King Hussein began yesterday with a visit to fraternal Iraq is a continuation of the Jordanian initiative in the Arab area to strengthen coordination, solidarity and joint action on the Arab level.

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MIDDLE EAST

Israel destroys five houses of detained Gazans

Jerusalem, May 17 (A.P.) — Israeli forces destroyed five houses after recently arraigned a number of Palestinians responsible for 14 deaths in the Gaza Strip, a military spokesman said.

The spokesman did not say how many were arrested. The houses, inhabited by five of the detainees, were allegedly used as stores for a large quantity of arms and ammunition, and the army destroyed the buildings in accordance with a policy of destroying homes belonging to people suspected of resistance activities.

Over the past 12 months the cells allegedly killed 13 Arab residents of the Gaza Strip and a Jewish taxi driver, who was shot dead in a Jabalya filling station in January.

The military spokesman named Mr. Rafik Silmi as the ringleader of the cells. Mr. Silmi was killed last December in a shootout with security forces who came to arrest him. However, the cells continued to operate "after his liquidation," the spokesman said.

EEC envoy pessimistic

Brussels, May 17 (A.P.) — Dutch Foreign Minister van der Klaauw said here yesterday that Europe could break through the Arab-Israeli peace talks. But the European Economic Community (EEC) envoy said the initiative is in its early stages.

"I am afraid very difficult times are ahead," he said at a brief news conference. "We (the EEC) must continue with our efforts, but I am pessimistic that we can break the current deadlock," he said.

Mr. van der Klaauw, who is also the current chairman of the European Council of Ministers, described the Israeli position as uncompromising, adding that he saw little potential for a softening of positions. He said he did not expect any change in the Israeli position, even if the Labour Party wins the June 30 elections.

J.S. planning Qadhafi overthrow -- Daily News

Washington, May 17 (A.P.) — The Reagan administration is drafting secret plans to have Arab soldiers to the United States overthrow Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, the Daily News reported today.

Reporting from Washington, the News quoted a "senior source" as saying top U.S. officials are plotting to overthrow Qadhafi as "a cancer that has outgrown its host" but that his removal would have to be by means other than assassination.

most outspoken critic of Qadhafi, but in recent months leaders in Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, and Chad, some of whose land Soviet-armed Libyan soldiers recently occupied, have joined the chorus of opposition to Qadhafi.

The United States has justified its multibillion-dollar arms sales programme to Egypt on the ground that Mr. Qadhafi is a threat to Mr. Sadat.

Last week, the last 27 Libyan diplomats remaining in this country were ordered to get out. Meanwhile, government officials advised some top American firms to pull their 2,000 American employees out of Libya as soon as possible.

Anti-Arab product to be withdrawn from U.S. market

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a statement made in Washington recently by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has been informed that the anti-Arab advertising campaign of a Massachusetts-based company has been ended, and the product will no longer be offered for sale.

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On Feb. 11, 1981, Preston's attorney responded to ADC in a highly insulting letter in which he made crude reference to sexual practices of Arabs. This was followed on Feb. 20 by a Preston announcement that SHEEKS would soon be withdrawn from the market.

ADC's National Office has not shelved plans for legal action, nor does it discount further action against Preston's attorney.

Commenting on Preston's decision, ADC Spokesman James Zogby noted that "this newest ADC victory testifies to the commitment of our membership. We share a determination to end discriminatory and racist stereotyping. Together we are building a co-ordinated and effective national response to such practices."

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MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Bomb blasts Istanbul's El Al office
BEIRUT, May 17 (R) — A Palestinian organisation today claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on the Istanbul offices of the Israeli airline El Al last night. The little known "May 15 Arab Organisation for the Liberation of Palestine," which yesterday claimed responsibility for a similar attack on El Al's Rome offices on Friday night, said in a statement here that its guerrillas bombed the Istanbul offices late last night. A spokesman for the Turkish city's martial law command said today that the explosion caused damage but no injuries. The organisation said it would continue to pursue Israeli organisations wherever they were.

Chatti leaves Bahrain for Guinea
BAHRAIN, May 17 (R) — Mr. Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the 40-nation Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO), left for Guinea today to report to President Ahmad Sekou Toure on the ICO's latest round of talks with Iran and Iraq on halting the Gulf war, the official Saudi press agency reported. Mr. Toure is the head of a high-level mission which was set up during an Islamic summit conference in Saudi Arabia last January to mediate between Iraq and Iran. Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman and Mr. Chatti, who are members of the eight-member mission, visited Tehran and Baghdad last week to discuss ways of ending the war which broke out last September.

Trudeau in Algiers for talks
ALGIERS, May 17 (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who arrived in Algiers yesterday on a 48-hour official visit, had talks last night with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. Canadian sources said Mr. Trudeau is also due to meet Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia and the ministers of trade, energy, finance and planning to discuss bilateral relations. Algerian-Canadian trade increased from \$3 million in 1969 to 400 million last year, according to Canadian sources. The resumption later this year of the north-south dialogue between developed and developing countries, is also of Trudeau's agenda in Algiers, the sources said. Canada will host a meeting of seven industrialised countries next July and take part in a summit of developing and developed nations in Mexico in October.

Iran's envoy leaves for Damascus
TEHRAN, May 17 (R) — Iran's Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs Mohammad Hashemi, left today for Damascus to express his government's support for Syria in the crisis with Israel over the stationing of ground-to-air missiles in Lebanon, the official news agency Pars said. Mr. Hashemi, who effectively runs Iranian foreign affairs in the absence of a foreign minister, would also convey a message from Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Pars said.

Eritrean ELF down MiG 21
KHARTOUM, May 17 (R) — Eritrean guerrillas said today they shot down an Ethiopian fighter aircraft 57 km (31 miles) south of the provincial capital of Asmara on Friday. A spokesman for the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (ELF) in Khartoum said their air defence system had brought down a Soviet-built MiG 21 fighter. He added that the pilot landed with a parachute and was taken prisoner by ELF guerrillas fighting for the secession of Eritrea from Ethiopia.

Justice minister, deputy premier resign in Egypt
CAIRO, May 17 (R) — Egyptian Justice Minister Anwar Abu Sehli resigned yesterday according to an official broadcast on Cairo television. The television, which said Mr. Ahmad Samir Sami, a member of the judiciary, had been appointed to replace Mr. Sehli, gave no reason for the resignation. On Wednesday, Deputy Prime Minister Osman Ahmad Osman also resigned after a committee inquiry told parliament it had found no evidence to back allegations in his best-selling autobiography of financial malpractices by senior officials in the past.

Balance in the Arab 'Wild West'

By Patrick Cockburn

NORTH YEMEN is very much the Wild West of the Arab World. Exquisitely beautiful villages perched on hilltops and crags beside carefully tended terraces are subject to only limited control by the central government.

Most Yemeni men carry large daggers, whose purpose is mainly ceremonial, and usually own rifles and submachine guns for more utilitarian reasons. Tribal battles involve tanks and artillery as well as small arms.

A Yemeni official bridled at the suggestion that parts of his country might not be completely safe for foreign visitors. He pointed out that "thieving and killing" also occur on the London Underground. The difference is that there find their train impeded by a roadblock manned by 300 heavily armed tribesmen.

But North Yemen's potential strength gives it a crucial significance in the region, for all its lack of central control, its tribalism, and the absence of oil. With an industrious population of some 7 million, it has the same number of citizens as the combined total for Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the other oil states of the Arabian Peninsula.

Little wonder then that some Arab countries and the United States have a recurrent nightmare in which they see the mountainous republic falling under Soviet influence. They were given a jolt by the initially successful invasion by guerrilla opponents of the Sanaa government in Feb. 1979. They fear intermittent, if rhetorical, talk about unity with Marxist South Yemen.

There is no question that the North Yemeni central government is weak. Many, if not most, Yemenis give their final loyalty to their tribe or their sheikh. Although the army has been tripled in size to some 35,000 men since 1979, and conscription has been introduced, the conscripts' true allegiance is a matter of doubt.

Most North Yemenis are still farmers growing white sorghum or qat, a plant whose mildly narcotic leaves are chewed by Yemenis. Agriculture cannot develop fast enough to meet the soaring demand for food in the years since earnings from Yemenis working in Saudi Arabia and foreign aid started flooding in. Thus imports — including 60,000 tons of frozen chicken in 1980 — have increased rapidly.

In the past year, however, business has been depressed by a drop in remittances to an official \$1.3 billion as the demand for Yemeni workers in Saudi Arabia diminishes and conscription dissuades workers from visiting their homes. The main impediment to new projects is not lack of money — some \$600 million of foreign loans mainly tied to projects is unused — but poor administration and lack of infrastructure.

Some 75 per cent of government income generated within the country comes from customs duties. These are high, amounting to 81 per cent on a passenger car. But smuggling is likely to diminish revenue from this source. For instance, last year some 200 Toyota Land Cruisers entered the country officially, but another 800 are believed to have been imported without passing through customs.

In almost every aspect of political and economic life, central control is weak. Two presidents have been assassinated in the past four years and Mr. Abdullah Al Asnag, a former political adviser to President Ali Abdullah Saleh, was detained recently for allegedly advising Saudi Arabia of the president's visit next month to Moscow.

In addition, the killing of Mr. Mohammad Khalis, the local government minister and former head of security, in January has caused some doubts about the stability of the regime. In the south, on the border with the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and in the coastal plain, the guerrillas of the National Democratic Front have made gains. Some 50 kilometres north of the capital, the Sanaa government's authority ends and control by the northern tribal confederation begins.

But the weakness of the central government, and its limited authority, has a good side: instability at the top has no drastic effects on the rest of the country.

The regime's delicate manoeuvring between the U.S. camp and the forces of the Soviet Union and South Yemen brings it certain advantages. President Saleh's other attempt to achieve balance is among the disparate, often ferocious factions of North Yemen itself. Failure to keep relative harmony among the factions and tribes could touch off a challenge the government does not have the strength to meet.



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ECONOMY

At the end of his visit to Saudi Arabia Regan sees no indication of oil cutback

RIYADH, May 17 (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said today there was no indication that Saudi Arabia planned any cutback in oil production.

Mr. Regan, who has cut short his Middle East trip because of developments at home over the administration's tax proposals, said also that the Saudis seemed satisfied with holding their oil price at the present \$32 a barrel.

Mr. Regan made the statements in an interview with Reuters after a meeting with Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil ministers are due to meet next week in Geneva to consider oil prices.

Mr. Regan said he "had the feeling that the Saudis were comfortable with the present price."

The treasury secretary added

there was "no indication" the Saudis were considering any drop in production or exports of oil.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has been holding production at 10.3 million barrels a day in an effort to stabilise world oil prices and help OPEC agree on a unified pricing structure. The country's preferred output is 8.5 million barrels a day.

Mr. Regan said that in his discussions with Sheikh Yamani they noted the oil price in the spot market at Rotterdam had actually fallen below the Saudi selling price.

Mr. Regan added, however, that he thought this might be temporary but he hoped the price would stay in "low ground".

Sheikh Yamani said the current high interest rates in the United States were helping keep oil prices down at the petrol pump. He said, according to Mr. Regan, that the

high interest rates made it very expensive to store oil and consequently reserves were being drawn down, which was causing a glut and reducing prices.

In recent weeks in the United States there have been reports of price wars developing as oil company outlets tried to keep their sales up.

Mr. Regan has decided to return home after two days in Saudi Arabia because the administration's tax cut seems to be entering a critical period on Capitol Hill.

The treasury secretary said that President Reagan wanted him to be on hand during discussions this week between the president and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Washington.

Mr. Regan was to have visited Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) tomorrow. He had

then planned to head the U.S. delegation at the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) interim committee meeting in Gabon.

In talks with Saudi officials, Mr. Regan has defended the administration's new economic plan which includes a controversial proposal to cut tax rates for individuals by 10 per cent each year for three years.

In the interview today, Mr. Regan said he might accept a bill that accomplished the same objective at an equal or less cost.

Critics of the plan have charged that it would lead to even higher budget deficits and inflation in the United States.

Mr. Regan said that such fears were unfounded and that the president's economic programme would eventually reduce inflation and lead to economic recovery.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Polish economy runs down steeply

WARSAW, May 17 (R) — Poland's ailing economy is running down steeply and national income, roughly equivalent to gross national product, is likely to decline by 1.4 per cent in 1981, the Communist Party's official newspaper reported yesterday.

Trybuna Ludu said party Politburo member Tadeusz Grabski had given the figure at a factory meeting at Konin in western Poland.

It quoted Mr. Grabski as saying that planned production this year would have to be cut by about 300 billion zlotys (about \$10 billion), and investments would be reduced by about 50 billion zlotys (about \$1.66 billion).

"We are still in the trough of the crisis, and we have not yet reached the bottom," Mr. Grabski said.

Iraq donates \$1.28m to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, May 17 (A.P.) — Iraq will donate three million ringgits (\$1.28 million) for the establishment of an Arabic centre in the Islamic Institute of Higher Learning, Iraqi Religious Affairs Minister Sheikh Feisol Nori Shahr said today.

Sheikh Shahr, who arrived yesterday, told reporters he will present the donation to Prime Minister Hussein Onn when they meet on Tuesday.

The centre is to be constructed in Kota Bahru, 200 miles northeast of here.

Zimbabwe peasants to learn communal farming in China

SALISBURY, May 17 (A.P.) — Zimbabwe's black socialist government is to send peasants to China to gain experience of collective farming, the Sunday Mail reported.

The pro-government newspaper quoted Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, who is currently visiting China, as saying the training scheme would be a prelude to the introduction in Zimbabwe of

cooperative farms run by peasants.

Mr. Mugabe, quoted after touring the Wangzhuang People Commune outside Wuxi city yesterday, said his government sees to implement collective farms despite opposition from ZI babwean peasants "caused by the propaganda of the former colonial government which regarded communism as anathema."

Kuwait lends Ghana \$14.3m

KUWAIT, May 17 (R) — Ghana will receive a loan of 10 million Kuwaiti dinars (about \$14.3 million) to complete a hydroelectric project, under an agreement signed here today.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development made the loan, repayable from next year at 3.5 per cent interest over 10 years.

In 1977 the fund extended Ghana a nine million dinars (about \$32 million) credit for the same project.

Mozambique resumes search for oil

MAPUTO, May 17 (R) — Prospecting for oil is about to begin again in Mozambique after a lapse of more than six years, according to the official news agency A.M.

The agency reported that exploration would begin later this year and that discussions had already been held with several Western oil companies.

The prospecting will take place both on land and offshore in an area already partially explored in the late sixties and early seventies.

In those explorations, companies found no oil in commercial quantities but struck natural gas at Pande about 530 km northeast of here. The Pande gas fields were said to be huge, with some estimates of reserves of 600 thousand billion cubic feet.

The presence of natural gas is often a sign that oil is also around and multinational oil companies took a keen interest in the area, drilling 60 test holes. But in 1971 the French company Aquitaine, which had begun drilling four years earlier, spoke of discouraging results.

EEC studies curbs on Japanese car imports

BRUSSELS, May 17 (R) — Common Market foreign ministers will this week discuss moves to curb Japanese car exports to Europe, following the breakdown at the weekend of talks between EEC and Japanese car manufacturers, EEC sources said today.

Trade relations with Japan are on the agenda of a meeting of the

foreign ministers on Tuesday, which will also discuss EEC relations with the United States, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

The EEC commission has said it will seek an accord with Japan on limiting car exports. Community sources have suggested the EEC request could be aimed at freezing car sales to the EEC at last year's levels.

Italy, Britain and France already apply curbs on the import of Japanese cars. Belgium has warned it may also do so if no voluntary Japanese curbs can be negotiated.

At a weekend meeting in Paris, Japanese car firms refused to accede to a request from their European counterparts for export restraint. The Japanese refusal pro-

mpted European manufacturers to call for government action.

The EEC ministers are also expected to give the green light for negotiations with Turkey at ambassadorial level, probably on June 5, on Turkey's association agreement with the EEC.

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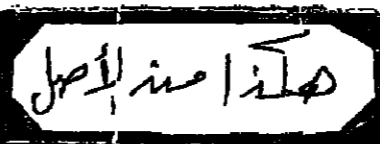
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Toe transplants make a new hand

by Wei Wen

Tianshe, 28, who lost his hands in an accident five years ago, can now write letters, strike matches with his hands and do many other things. He also keeps his shoes on by himself -- because the hands on each foot are now his right hands. The extraordinary transplants were done at Shanghai No. 6 Hospital. Mr. Gao Tianshe is in person to ask for...

and he had to depend on others for simple, everyday manual tasks. Mr. Gao said he had heard of earlier operations in which doctors had transplanted toes to compensate for lost thumbs or fingers. Couldn't they do something for him, he asked. Dr. Yu Zhongjia was more than sympathetic. But grafting on a thumb was one thing -- reconstructing a whole hand was quite another problem. Still, he decided, he would do what he could. Step one, after examining the condition of the forearm, was to provide an artificial skeleton for the new hand. Working with a medical instruments factory, he fashioned a Y-shaped frame for the palm from a titanium alloy, an inert metal that will not corrode and to which...

muscles will attach as they do to natural bone. In a 12-hour operation, Dr. Yu and colleagues at the No. 6 Hospital inserted the stem of the frame into the radius of Gao's right arm and the forked sections into the bones of the second toes removed from Gao's feet in the same operation. One toe would serve as a thumb and the other as an index finger. The muscles and soft tissues of the forearm were then drawn down to cover the titanium "bone" and the blood vessels, nerves and muscles and sinews of the toes were linked to them. After three months of physiotherapy, Mr. Gao Tianshe began to get feeling at the ends of his new fingers and within six months they were working well. The reconstructed hand can...

perform about 70 per cent of the functions of a normal hand. He can pick up a thin sheet of paper from a flat surface and lift about seven kilograms. He can differentiate between hot and cold and hard and soft objects. Dr. Yu and his colleagues have since reconstructed such hands for several other patients. Dr. Yu and the members of his surgical team point out that they owe much of their success to the pioneering microsurgery of Dr. Yang Dongyue, of Shanghai. It was he who performed China's first toe transplant on a young machinist who had lost his thumb. Since then, Shanghai No. 6 Hospital has carried out several hundred toe-thumb transplants with a success rate of around 90 per cent. (China features)



Mr. Gao Tianshe--before operation



Mr. Gao holding a cigarette with his new "hand"

Down on the collective farm in East Germany

farmers on East Germany's Golzow collective, a Polish border, claim to have learnt a lot from their Soviet counterparts, but they are given incentives not to worry about the kinds of crops they get from their own private plots.

For all that, there are few luxuries in food stores during the winter. No fresh vegetables are available other than red and white cabbage, and potatoes and carrots of uneven quality. The hothouses at Golzow, as elsewhere in East Germany, are not used to grow lettuce and tomatoes in the winter months as energy is deemed too expensive. Instead, they are used to plant vegetables in the winter, which are set out in the early spring and harvested in May, the first fresh product East Germans have seen in seven months.

The collective farmers here normally work a five-day week in shifts and receive overtime pay for extra harvest work. Holidays are between 18 to 24 days and many farmers have travelled to other East European countries and the Soviet Union. Mr. Kliezke says the median annual income is EM 9,600, plus food worth another EM 1,000. Co-operative farmers pay no tax. East German agriculture has a high number of elderly farmers, and to encourage younger people to join co-operatives credits of EM 10,000 are provided to couples wanting to build a home. A growing number of East German city dwellers are considering migrating to the countryside, partly because it is easier to find somewhere to live.

Only a few years ago, a collective farm chairman insisted to a Westerner that the average East German farmer no longer wanted to live in a private home as he preferred the "social advantages" of multi-family dwellings. At the Golzow farm, they are proud of the owner-occupied farmhouses built with government credits of up to EM 100,000 at 1.5 per cent interest.

The homes can be inherited but if there are no heirs the state has the first right to buy them. Everyone here is aware that, apart from vastly different climatic conditions, East German farming is a model of efficiency compared with Soviet agriculture. Mr. Kliezke explains that because of the Soviet Union's enormous "armaments responsibility" it cannot invest enough in agriculture.

The farm's Communist Party secretary, Mr. Wolfgang Sopau, quickly adds: "We have learned a great deal from the Soviet Union. We use Soviet tractors and adopt Soviet successes. But, as Leonid Brezhnev noted at the 26th party congress, the learning and teaching is on both sides. Soviet experts also learn from us." Unlike the Soviet collective farmer, who puts an extraordinary amount of time into his private plot where yields are higher, East German farmers receive enough incentives to concentrate on their specialised work in the co-operatives. At home, they keep mainly chickens but buy their milk and meat in the state stores.

Now, though, the government has appealed to allotment gardeners to raise vegetables. While Mr. Kliezke's farm is an apparent success, he admits that some bigger "industrial crop and cattle farms" copied from the Soviet state farms, with 4,000 head of cattle in endless rows, have been abandoned because they "weren't very good."

"For one thing," he noted, "what do you do with all that manure that accumulates every day?" (Financial Times news feature)

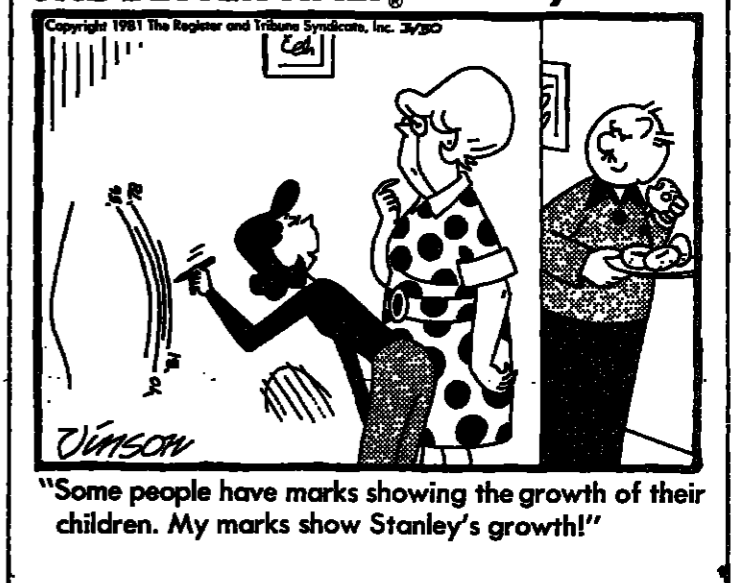
GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN ©1981 by Chicago Tribune. Imagine you are sitting West defending against four hearts. You lead the queen of clubs, won by the king as partner contributes the three. Declarer runs the queen of hearts from dummy to your king. What do you lead to the third trick? The answer lies in the card partner played to the first trick. The three of clubs was a discouraging card, suggesting a shift. The obvious switch is to a spade -- partner can't want a diamond shift, because the ace of diamonds is unlikely to go away. And if he wasn't prepared for a spade, he would simply have played a high club at the first trick to request that you continue that suit. But it is not enough to shift to the ace of spades. You should cater to the possibility that partner has the doubleton king of spades. Lead a low spade. Partner wins the king, returns a spade to your ace and ruffs the spade continuation for a one-trick set. The price of the book may be slightly high, considering that it is a paperback. But buy it all the same -- you should recover the outlay in one evening's bridge even if you play for very low stakes. Note one point in the bidding. South had no hesitation in going to game after his partner made a jump raise. Two aces is an excellent holding opposite a partner who could make a jump rebid. One of the best books we have read in a long time is "Partnership Defense in Bridge" by Kit Woolsey (Devyn Press, 1327 Walnut St., Shelbyville, Ky. 40065, 303 pp., paperback, \$8.95). Most books on defensive play concentrate on one hand only. But bridge is a partnership game, in the play of the cards as well as in the bidding. Woolsey sets out to show how the actions of both defenders are inter-related. For example, consider this hand from the book. To test your defense, cover up the East and South hands and im-

Down on the collective farm in East Germany

Leslie Collitt. East German farm co-operatives produce Comecon's best yields of wheat, barley and oats, provide East Germans with the highest per capita meat consumption of any Communist-ruled country and have surplus enough to export meat to the West. The nearby stock-breeding farm, with a herd of 1,500 cattle, delivers meat to the state at the official purchase price EM 4.40 (just under £1) for a kilo of beef and EM 4.90 for pork. The East German consumer pays EM 5.80 for a kilo of soup meat, and EM 8 a kilo for pork chops. These retail prices are thus heavily subsidised by the government, which also keeps down prices for fodder, energy and other goods and services used by the farm. Mr. Kliezke, the farm's chairman for 22 years, says it makes an average yearly profit of EM 2 million on sales of about EM 28 million. Some EM 4 million is invested each year with the help of state loans. Although East Germany is the most highly industrialised of Communist countries, its agriculture provides 70 per cent of the country's food. The remainder is some 3 million tonnes of fodder a year imported from the West, as well as citrus fruit and some produce from the Balkans.

THE BETTER HALF



THE Daily Crossword by Kathryn Righter

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Electrical unit, 5 Pine tree, 10 Jostle, 14 Song, 15 Boys Town city, 16 Quechuan, 17 One who disapproves, 19 Cheese, 20 Certain English schoolboy, 21 Coddles, 23 Crossword clue, for short, 24 Eastern European, 26 Scorch. 27 "Of -- I Sing", 29 Inattentively, 33 Gray, 35 RIM, 36 Hasten, 37 Sly look, 38 Worked, 39 Tableland, 40 Village of the Tall legend, 41 Momentous, 42 Pugilistic weapons, 43 Almond cookie, 45 Land of 16A, 46 Give off, 47 Despot. 49 Aves., 52 Ancient Italians, 55 Moving vehicles, 57 Guinness, 58 Naval "time off", 60 Metal thread, 61 Claw, 62 College course: abbr., 63 Henpecks, 64 Cleaned, 65 Northern European. DOWN: 1 Walked in water, 2 Wife of Akinous, 3 Visible part of a hazard, 4 Mountain lake, 5 Scene, 6 Iowa community, 7 Fink, 8 Cut up, 9 Annoyed, 10 Baker's utensil, 11 Where the main hazard lies, 12 Cicatrix, 13 Certain radio operators, 18 Iron: Ger., 22 Submissive, 25 Differing, 28 Possessive base, 30 Borscht, 31 Inventory, 32 Certain votes, 33 Astringent, 34 Vaccines, 35 Nile queen, 38 Formal objections, 39 Russian village, 41 Cheshire cat's expression, 42 Wild, 44 Linen vestments, 45 Part of PTA, 48 Razor sharpener, 50 Displaced bit of turf, 51 Odeur, 52 Cut, 53 Inter-utensil, 54 GBS, 56 Sense, 59 Cheer for a matador.

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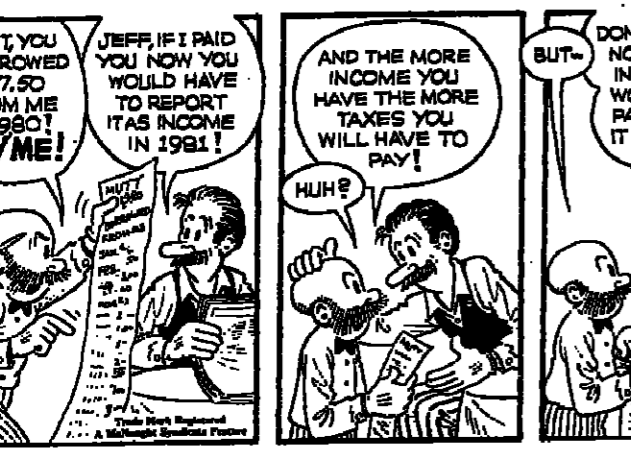
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JUMBLE

Jumble word game. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. LAWRC, FROOL, THERAH, DILERB. I'll have to hole up here for a while. THE CROOK SAWED OFF HIS LEGS UNDER HIS BED SO HE COULD DO THIS. Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Print answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: COUGH FUSSY MOTHER CALICO Answer: What a wolf invited a girl for -- SCOTCH & SOFA

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63.

